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God's Heart for the Alien & Foreigner
#1 of 3, Oct. 16, 2016

1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What was most helpful about this message? What insights did you glean? What questions did this message raise for you?
3. Have you ever faced a circumstance in the past where you felt like the "outsider" or foreigner? What was that like?
4. Read Ephesians 2:1-20. What does Paul tell us Jesus did for us?
5. What does it mean for us to live out the reality Paul describes in this passage? What are some examples of tangible ways to do this?
6. Read 1 Peter 2:9b-10. What does Peter tell us we received from God as his followers? What does scripture say we should do as a result?
7. Think about your neighbourhood, school, workplace or city. Who are the "outsiders" you see? What would these places look like if we served and loved those who are different than us?
8. How can Sequoia, as a church family, do more to welcome and serve those who are new? What can you do in the context of our church to welcome and serve those who are new?
9. Pray and ask God to identify who you can love and serve where you live, work, and play. Who is he asking you to help become an "insider"?



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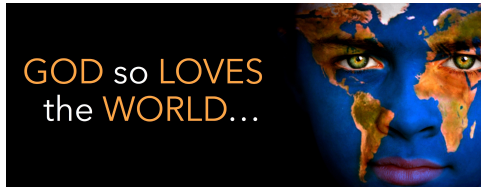
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

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With Phil Harwood, Sequoia Trustee
October 16, 2016



John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God not only loved the world, but God still loves the world.

God's heart has always been for the outsider, the alien and the foreigner.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (NLT)

"Do not take advantage of foreigners who live among you in your land. Treat them like native-born Israelites, and love them as you love yourself. Remember that you were once foreigners living in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

God's plan was to create a way for every one to be reconciled with him and deal with the sin that made us "outsiders".

Ephesians 2:1-20

1 Peter 2:9b-10

Jesus became an outsider so we can become insiders and help other become insiders.

Big Idea: Because we were once outsiders we seek to love and serve those who are different than us.

Who are the "outsiders" God has placed in your life?